

REMARKS

This is a complete response to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 11, 2007. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended herein.

No new matter has been added. Upon entry of the enclosed claim amendments, claims 1-8 remain pending in the present application.

I. Response to Claim Rejections Based on Anticipation

In the Office Action, claims 1-8 have been preliminarily rejected as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Specifically claims 1-8 have been preliminarily rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by DE 4339508 (hereinafter, "DE '508").

Applicant references the Examiner to the U.S. counter-part, U.S. 5,673,345, of DE '508. The Office Action references "bevel 15" as disclosing the circulatory embossings. However, '508 does not disclose the "additional embossing" as claimed by Applicant's claims 1 and 8. '508 does not disclose any additional embossings that that would limit the impression depth. Therefore, for at least these reasons claims 1 and 8 overcomes the above 102 rejection.

The Applicant also respectfully submits that since claims 2-7

depend on independent claim 1, claims 2-7 contain all limitations of independent claim 1. Since independent claim 1 should be allowed, as argued herein, pending dependent claims 2-7 should be allowed as a matter of law for at least this reason. In re_Fine, 5 U.S.P.Q.2d 1596, 1608 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

III. Prior Art Made of Record

The prior art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.


CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and comments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and rejections have been traversed, rendered moot and/or accommodated, and that presently pending claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance. Applicant has responded to all of the Examiner's requests. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and the presently pending claims are hereby courteously requested. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to

facilitate advancement of the present application.

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